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RULES & ORDERS,

To be

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BY THE

MEMBERS

OF THE

Humane Friendly

INDEFATIGABLE

Union Society,

HELD AT TIDESWELL,

In the County of Derby,

Established the fourth Day of January, 1764.

To help the afflicted is a glorious plan,
It soothes their woes—and dignifies the man.

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PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, it hath been judged and found necessary to alter, amend, and enlarge several of the Articles belonging to this Society, in consequence of the members of a Friendly Society, established at Tideswell aforesaid, called the Supplementary Friendly Society having agreed to dissolve the same, and unite with this Society for the better benefiting and assisting each member in time of sickness or infirmity, and likewise for making allowances out of the stock towards defraying the expences of each member's funeral, and for the further aid and improvement to the stock by raising the contributions, the approbation of the whole of the Societies being had and obtained, unto which alterations and amendments, the said Societies have unanimously agreed to the following rules and orders.

Articles, &c.

ARTICLE 1.

That this society shall be governed by one master, two wardens, and twelve assistants, who shall be a committee; the master to serve in office one year only, the elder warden to succeed the master, the younger warden to succeed the elder, and a new warden to be chosen out of the assistants, which shall be elected out of the whole society, or as they shall stand in rotation in the book. No assistant to serve in office two years succeeding each other. The master and wardens to have two votes each in the society, but only one in the committee. That there shall be a clerk appointed to keep the accounts, &c. for the society, who shall be provided with a book or books for that purpose, which shall be kept clean and intelligible, each member shall have a right to inspect the same when business is over, if he chooses, but not to make any alteration therein, on forfeiture of two shillings and sixpence for every such offence.

2. That the master and wardens shall provide a box with three locks and three keys, in which shall be kept the stock belonging

this society: the box and stock to be kept by those the major part of the society shall think proper, and shall also have power to fix, continue, or remove the said box and stock so often as shall be deemed necessary for the good of the society. And whoever shall have the box and stock therein contained, in keeping from time to time, shall give such security as may be thought proper for the good of the society. The master and wardens to have each of them a key belonging to the said box, but no one of them to have power to open the said box, unless they all three be present with two assistants, also the person who shall have the said box, or some person else whom he may appoint, nor take any more money out of the box at one time than shall supply the master's present occasion in any matter or thing consistent with his office, who shall make his accounts good the club-night following, or depute some other person to do the same for him, on forfeiture of one shilling. And if the master or wardens, or any of the assistants (after being duly elected) shall refuse to serve their offices, unless prevented by accident or sickness, the master or warden so refusing shall forfeit five shillings, and each assistant so refusing shall forfeit one shilling.

3. That the master and wardens shall appear at the club-room or send their money and keys by seven o'clock, or forfeit sixpence each so neglecting, the clerk, beadle, and assistants, for neglecting to attend or to

send their money at the time aforesaid, shall forfeit three-pence each so neglecting.

4. Whereas this society shall consist of three classes,—viz. the first class eight shillings, the second class six shillings, and the third four shillings. It is agreed, that those members of the eight-shilling class pay one shilling and sixpence per month, those of the six-shilling class one shilling and two-pence, those of the four-shillings, nine-pence, as their contributions, and must be paid every meeting-night before nine o'clock, or two-pence each member so neglecting to be forfeited to the stock, and for the second offence four-pence; but if he neither comes nor sends his contributions and forfeits the third night, and two-pence more to the beadle for informing him, he shall be excluded. The master shall not be accountable for any absent member's contributions, unless he pays the same during club-hours.

Note. That our meeting nights are the first Saturday in every month, to begin exactly at seven o'clock, and no contributions to be received after nine o'clock. That there be spent from the box during club-hours, twelve shillings every club-night. Any member calling for liquor in the club-room, except the master, wardens, or some one they shall appoint to look after the reckoning, shall forfeit for every such offence one shilling, also pay for the same out of his own pocket.

N. B. If the master, wardens, assistants, and clerk find it necessary to withdraw themselves to any other room to do business, any member interrupting them therein shall forfeit three-pence each so offending.

5. That any member in the four-shilling class, he being approved of by the commit-

tee, under the age of forty-five years, will be allowed to enter either the six or eight-shilling class, provided he be not a member in some other society, paying for his entrance as under,—viz.

Between sixteen and twenty-five to pay one shilling and sixpence into the six-shilling class, and two shillings into the eight-shilling class, and to raise sixpence each class for every five years, no member to be admitted into either class who is above forty-five years of age, nor that is in any other society.

Note. Any member in the first or second class to be only entitled to the extra benefit of such class from the date of his entrance.

6. That every member who shall enter this society, (he being approved of by the major part of the committee,) paying for his entrance as under,—viz.

Between sixteen and twenty-five years of age to pay two shillings into the six-shilling class, and three shillings into the eight-shilling class, and to raise one shilling each class for every five years. No person to be admitted who is upwards of thirty-five years of age, nor that shall dwell more than three miles from Tideswell, and every member when entered shall be obliged to have a printed order, for which he shall pay sixpence, also one shilling for a staff, and shall be subject to the direction of the 4th article.

N. B. All new members will be allowed to enter either the first or second class, who shall give one month's notice to the master or wardens of such his intention before he will be admitted; and if his age be disputed, he shall bring a note from the register where baptized, for if any member he found guilty of deception as to his age, he shall forfeit five shillings. No person to be admitted who is in any other society. Also, any member of the first and second classes entering into any other society shall be excluded.

Note. Any member in the second class, he being approved of by the committee, under the age of forty-five years, will be allowed to enter the first class, paying the entrance of the second class forward, and to be entitled to the extra benefit of the first class from the date of his entrance.

7. If sickness or any misfortune befal a member who has been twelve months in this society, so it be not caused by his vicious way of living, or by some unlawful exercise, and be incapable of working or following his lawful occupation, if he be one of the first class, he shall be relieved from the fund of this society with eight shillings a week for twelve weeks, if his illness continues so long, but if longer, only four shillings per week for nine months longer, if his illness continues so long; if longer, or he be deemed incurable, he shall only receive two shillings per week during his illness. If he be one of the second class, and is afflicted as aforesaid, he shall receive six shillings a week for twelve weeks, if his illness continues so long, if longer only three shillings per week for nine months longer, if his illness continue so long; if longer, or he shall be deemed incu-

rable, only one shilling and sixpence during his illness. If he be one of the third class, and afflicted as aforesaid, he shall receive four shillings a week for twelve weeks, if his illness continue so long, if longer only two shillings a week for nine months longer, if his illness continue so long; if longer, only one shilling a week during such illness. If a member shall recover from his infirmity, and continue sound twelve months, he shall be entitled to full pay as at first. Likewise, when any member's pay is due, he shall go or send to the master for it, which if he refuse to pay, he shall forfeit one shilling.—Any member subjecting himself to any fine or penalty, shall not receive any pay until his fines are paid.

8. That when any member in this society be sick or infirm so that he cannot follow his lawful business, and be not caused by his own vicious way of living, or by some unlawful exercise, he shall give one week's notice thereof to the master before he shall receive any pay; and after he has received one week's pay, he shall be paid for every day above a week if he thinks he can go to work before the expiration of another week, but he shall not begin his work again till he has previously given notice to the master of his intention; and if any member during the time he is relieved from the box does any work for which he receives any wages, benefit, or reward, and it be proved to the satisfaction of the committee, then in such case he shall be

excluded from this society. That the master and wardens shall visit the sick members the first week, then the assistants by two at a time each week, so long as he or they shall receive the benefit of the box, provided they dwell within two miles of Tideswell, and make their report accordingly to the master, or forfeit sixpence each for every neglect, unless sick, lame, or three miles from home when it shall be his turn; a book to be kept for that purpose.

Note. Any member being taken into an infirmary to expedite his cure, shall be entitled to pay as usual.

9. That when any member dies, having been one year in this society, if he be one of the first class, notice thereof being given to the master, his widow, child, or executors, shall receive from the stock of this society towards his funeral expenses as under,—viz.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
For the first year, .	0	10	0	If six years, . . .	3	0	0
If two ditto, . . .	1	0	0	If seven ditto, . .	3	10	0
If three ditto,. . .	1	10	0	If eight ditto, . .	4	0	0
If four ditto, . . .	2	0	0	If nine ditto, . . .	4	10	0
If five ditto, . . .	2	10	0	If ten & upwards,.	5	0	0

If he be one of the second class, his friends for the purpose aforesaid, shall receive as under,—viz.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
For the first year, .	0	10	0	If six years, . . .	2	7	6
If two ditto, . . .	0	17	6	If seven ditto, . .	2	15	0
If three ditto, . . .	1	5	0	If eight ditto, . .	3	2	6
If four ditto, . . .	1	12	6	If nine ditto, . . .	3	10	0
If five ditto, . . .	2	0	0	If ten & upwards,	4	0	0

If he be one of the third class, his friends for the purpose aforesaid, shall receive as under,—viz.

	£.	s.	d.		£.	s.	d.
For the first year,	0	10	0	If six years, . . .	1	15	0
If two ditto, . . .	0	15	0	If seven ditto, . .	2	0	0
If three ditto, . .	1	0	0	If eight ditto, . .	2	5	0
If four ditto, . . .	1	5	0	If nine ditto, . .	2	10	0
If five ditto, . . .	1	10	0	If ten & upwards,	3	0	0

Deducting from any member in the society all arrears due from him to the stock.

10. When any member in this society dies, notice shall be given thereof to every member in the society, who shall pay the club-night following as hereafter mentioned: The first class four-pence each member, the second class three-pence each member, the third class two-pence each member, into the stock, towards defraying the expense of such funeral, or forfeit six-pence each so neglecting.

11. When any member's wife die, he having been a member of this society one year, every member in the society shall pay the club-night following three-pence each or forfeit sixpence each so neglecting, to be paid the husband of the deceased towards her funeral expenses, notice being given therof to each member in the society. No member shall receive pay for more than one wife. Also if any member's wife shall survive her first husband, by paying three-pence to each woman's funeral having notice thereof, she shall be allowed the same benefit; and in

case she dies before she had an opportunity of paying to any such funeral, then her friends shall have the said allowance of each member's three-pence, and in case she neglect to pay as aforesaid for three funerals, she shall be excluded.

12. When it shall please Almighty God to take any member of this society from this transitory life, in case he shall die within two miles of Tideswell, and be buried in the same parish, notice must be given to the master to acquaint him of the member's death, and when he is to be buried, the master to give the beadle orders to acquaint the wardens and assistants, the master, wardens, and assistants, with the beadle, shall attend a brother's funeral, and in case of such neglect any one so offending, shall forfeit one shilling, unless they can shew a sufficient cause to satisfy the master, in that case the master to appoint any other member instead of them. The master, wardens, assistants, and beadle, shall have each of them a black hatband, gloves and a black stick, which shall be provided by the society for them to attend the funeral of the deceased member with decency. The master, wardens, assistants, and beadle, shall be allowed to spend out of the stock each of them a quart of ale for their extraordinary trouble; but if any member dies more than two miles distant from Tideswell, they shall not attend him to the grave, unless he be buried at Tideswell, but shall pay to his friends as directed in the ninth

article, on the club-night following, or at his decease, if required.

13. That if any member of this society shall remove to any part of the kingdom, for the better support of himself and family (taking care that his contributions be regularly paid) and be sick or infirm, so that he cannot follow his lawful business, having had a copy of these articles, he shall inform the master of his disorder, by letter (post paid) signed by the apothecary or surgeon that hath or doth attend him, and likewise by the rector, vicar, or curate, and churchwardens of the parish wherein he resides, expressed in the following manner:

To the Master of the Humane Friendly Indefatigable Union Society, held at Tideswell, in the County of Derby.

Sir,

This informs you that A. B. *a member of your society, is now very ill of a and incapable of doing any business: that we whose names are hereunder written, have visited the above-mentioned* A. B. *and have also perused your articles, and believe him to be deserving of the pay allowed therein. As witness our hands this day of*

And the said sick or infirm member shall continue to give notice as above, regularly every month during his illness. And when any member that is at a distance of more than two miles from Tideswell, is recovered from his illness, he must inform the master of his recovery, or forfeit ten shillings, by letter, post paid. All letters not paid, for to be stopt out of his pay.

14. That if any member reflects upon another for benefit he hath received from the box, so that any bad consequences may arise therefrom, upon proof thereof adduced by one or more witnesses, if he cannot make his assertion good he shall be fined five shillings. No member shall receive any benefit of the box, if it be proved to the satisfaction of the committee, he had any disorder or infirmity upon him, which he concealed at the time of his entrance, and if any member dissembling sickness or infirmity, shall thus obtain relief from the box, he shall be deemed an impostor, and if the imposition be fairly proved as aforesaid, he shall be excluded for ever.

15. That there shall be observed in the club-room, whenever this society shall be assembled, the following rules, in order that peace and good harmony may be obtained amongst us, every member who shall come into the club-room shall behave himself with decency and good order, and shall be obliged to take off his hat during his stay in the room, or forfeit two-pence: if any member curse or swear, or talk profanely, or promotes gaming, or plays at any game, or offers to lay or lays any wager, or challenges or strikes another, or uses indecent language to another, or be intoxicated with liquor in the club-room, he shall for every of the above offences committed therein, forfeit sixpence; and if the acting committee do not exact the above fines, and support the articles to their true intent and meaning, they

shall for every such offence forfeit one shilling each. If the master, wardens, or any of the committee find it necessary to call silence in the club-room, and any member make disturbance after it has been repeated three times, he shall forfeit sixpence.

Note. All disputes that arise in this society shall be determined by the committee, but if in case they cannot be settled by them, they shall then be referred to the arbitration of this society, the major part of which shall be final.

16. That if any member in this society shall enlist into his Majesty's service, and is attested, he shall be excluded, but if any member be ballotted into the militia, or in obedience to any Act of Parliament imposed by government, or shall be otherwise called out on actual service in defence of this country, or be imprisoned for debt or for bastardy, then in such case his contributions and time shall be stopt, nor shall he be entitled to receive any pay from this society though sick or infirm during his absence, but if he return free from any complaint that is not obtained by some vicious way of living, he shall be received a member as usual, and receive the benefit as such.

17. That the acting committee shall have power to raise the contributions from time to time, so often as the stock shall be reduced to one pound each member, and also by the consent of the major part of the society, to alter, amend, and make any fresh article or articles that they may deem necessary for the good of the society, and such article or articles shall be considered as binding to their

full intent and meaning, as any other herein inserted, such article or articles being in conformity with the Act of Parliament.

18. That if the acting committee, or any other member, in this society shall embezzle all or any part of the money or stock which he or they are entrusted with, for the support of the sick or infirm members, or any other purpose whatever, shall repay the same and forfeit ten shillings each so offending. When any money shall be put out to interest, the master shall give notice thereof to all the members present at a club-night, and the person to whom the money is to be lent, must be approved of by a majority of the members present, no member shall have any money to interest, nor shall any member's security be thought sufficient.

19. That a general meeting night shall be held once a year, (to wit) the first Saturday evening in December. That the master shall deliver up to the senior warden his key with a fair and just account of all the stock belonging this society; also the money which he may have in hand, without any deficiency whatever, for which the senior warden shall give the master a satisfactory receipt, in which shall be inserted the sum received; if the master shall neglect so to deliver them up, an action shall be commenced in law against him, agreeable to the Act of Parliament for the recovery of the same, and afterwards he shall be excluded. The election of a new warden and assistants, who with the master

and elder warden shall be a committee, to begin at eight o'clock, and every member to be there present during the election, or forfeit four-pence, unless they can shew a cause for so doing to satisfy the committee. And if any member proposes the breaking up of this club, he shall be excluded: for we agree never to break it up while ten sound members remain.

Note. Every member in this society shall pay one penny each to the box on that night, over and above his monthly contribution, towards defraying the expense of a clerk, or forfeit sixpence: that there shall be spent on that night each member's two-pence.

20. That if any member of this society be found gaming or drinking to excess, or be known to work at any trade, or do any business whereby it may be judged he got any subsistence during the time he is receiving the benefit of the box, he or they so offending in any of those ways, upon proof thereof by proper evidence, shall be excluded. Also any member that shall get his illness by drunkenness, wrestling, fighting, foot-ball playing, venereal, or any unlawful exercise whatever, or any action that is not within the bounds of reason, shall be denied the benefit of this society.

21. If any member of this society shall know that any other member of this society hath done anything contrary to these articles, and shall not declare it the next club-night after he shall know of such breach of these articles, he shall for such neglect, if legally proved, forfeit five shillings.

22. If any member attempt to persuade another to leave this society, or dissuade any person from entering, by speaking falsely or slightly of this society, he shall forfeit two shillings and six pence; likewise if any member shall cause any dispute matter, or thing whatever, relating to the uniting of these societies. shall for every such offence, forfeit five shillings. Any member found guilty of felony, fraud, or petty larceny, shall be excluded this society for ever.

23. If notice be given by the master, for a bye-meeting, to the wardens and assistants, or the society, and they do not come at the time appointed, or send two-pence to be spent, he or they so offending shall forfeit four-pence to the box, and he or they refusing to pay such forfeit, shall forfeit one shilling to the box, unless sick, lame, or three miles from home at the time of such bye meeting.

24. At a bye-meeting or general night, it is agreed that only one shall speak at a time, (standing up), and the person who interrupts him shall forfeit two-pence, the master to claim it immediately, which if he omits, any member present may demand it of the master, who must pay it for his neglect, instead of the offender.

25. That the members of this society shall hold an annual feast on the day after the Tideswell September fair, when every member in this society shall be obliged to pay two shillings and sixpence toward the-

fraying the expenses of the feast, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon; at which time the master, wardens, or clerk, shall begin to call over the book, and all members who reside within two miles of Tideswell, who do not answer to their names when called upon, shall forfeit sixpence, unless they have sent their money as aforesaid.—And as this is a day set apart by the society for a public rejoicing and festival, music shall be provided by the master and wardens, to attend with the society to the place of divine worship, and from thence to the house where the feast is held; but as many members have frequently made it a rule and practice not to attend the place of divine worship, but have come to dinner after divine service was ended, whoever, for the future, be found so doing, shall forfeit one shilling; each member with his staff to walk in procession through the town: the master, wardens, and assistants first, and the rest according to seniority, and return in the same manner, who doth not, shall forfeit one shilling. The master shall pay out of the stock ten shillings and sixpence for a sermon to be preached on the occasion, and all other nenecessary expense attending the feast. Any absent member's wife, or who he shall authorize, shall be allowed to have a plate of meat and a quart of ale at the house where the feast is held, but no meat shall be sent out of the house unless to the sick members. And to preserve good harmony and decorum,

on every feast-day, if any member doth curse, swear, quarrel, or raise any disturbances, he or they so offending, shall forfeit two shillings and sixpence.

26. That there shall be no more money expended in music on the feast-day than one pound one shilling, with the usual allowance. That the beadle of this society shall receive a new hat, coat, and waistcoat, as often as shall be deemed necessary.

27. That the clerk of this society shall receive from the box one pound annually for his trouble of keeping accounts, and to be freed of expense on all business relative to this society. Likewise for making new books, &c. he shall have other allowances.

28. That any member who shall have any complaint to make, or in case finds himself aggrieved, shall deliver the same in writing to the committee on the club-night, or the club-night following, who shall be obliged to do their duty therein, on forfeitture of one shilling each. Also the master shall provide a set of staffs for the use of the society, each member to pay for his own staff, and sixteen staffs extraordinary shall be provided for the use of the master, wardens, and assistants, which shall be paid for out of the stock. All forfeits whatever that are liable to be paid according to these articles shall either be paid immediately, or betwixt that and the third club-night following, and in case of non-payment, to be excluded; all

forfeits, fines, or penalties whatsoever shall go to the stock of this society. That the majority of this society shall have power to make bye-laws to stand in force twelve months from the date thereof.

29. In the Act of Parliament made for the benefit of friendly societies, there is a clause *(sec. 16.)* that empowers societies to nominate and appoint arbitrators, to settle all disputes that may arise amongst them; under that authority therefore we do unanimously appoint eleven arbitrators, whose names are inserted in a book kept for that purpose, and which are to be chosen annually on the general night; all or the major part of whom shall hear and determine any dispute that may arise in this society, and their award shall be final and binding to all intents and purposes.

LASTLY. That envy and malice are marks of an unsocial disposition, and are sure to overthrow any regular established society; that the true end of this society is not only to relieve the afflicted, but to establish a true state of friendship, charity, and brotherhood amongst each other, the happy effects of which will be felt by every member who endeavours to promote so laudable a design; for whilst unanimity and a willingness to obey the above Rules and Orders are regarded, this society can never be dissolved.

Signed by

THOS. WALKER, *Master.*

JAS. HUNSTONE,
THOS. ROBINSON, } *Wardens.*

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WILLIAM SHELDON,
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